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#### **0601. Relationship and Operation as a Service in the Navy.**

1. Upon the declaration of war or when the President directs, the Coast Guard shall operate as a service in the Navy, and shall be subject to the orders of the Secretary of the Navy. While so operating as a service in the Navy, and to the extent practicable, Coast Guard operations shall be integrated and uniform with Navy operations.

2. Whenever the Coast Guard operates as a service in the Navy:

a. applicable appropriations of the Coast Guard to cover expenses shall be available for transfer to the Department of the Navy and supplemented, as required, from applicable appropriations of the Department of the Navy;

b. personnel of the Coast Guard shall be eligible to receive gratuities, medals and other insignia of honor on the same basis as personnel in the naval service or serving in any capacity with the Navy; and

c. to the extent practicable, Coast Guard personnel, ships, aircraft and facilities will be utilized as organized Coast Guard units.

#### **0602. The Commandant of the Coast Guard.**

1. The Commandant of the Coast Guard is the senior officer of the United States Coast Guard.

2. When reporting to the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant will report to the Chief of Naval Operations.

3. The Chief of Naval Operations shall represent the Coast Guard before the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### **0603. Duties and Responsibilities.**

In exercising command over the Coast Guard while operating as a service of the Navy, the Commandant shall:

a. organize, train, prepare and maintain the readiness of the Coast Guard to function as a specialized service in the Navy for the performance of national defense missions, as directed;

b. plan for and determine the present and future needs of the Coast Guard, both quantitative and qualitative, for personnel, including reserve personnel;

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c. budget for the Coast Guard, except as may be otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Navy;

d. plan for and determine the support needs of the Coast Guard for equipment, materials, weapons or combat systems, supplies, facilities, maintenance and supporting services;

e. exercise essential military administration of the Coast Guard. This includes, but is not limited to, such matters as discipline, communications, personnel records and accounting, conforming, as practicable, to Navy procedures;

f. in conjunction with the Director of Naval Intelligence, and the National Intelligence Community, where appropriate, establish and maintain an intelligence and security capability to provide support for the maritime defense zones, port security, narcotics interdiction, anti-terrorist activity, fishery activity, pollution monitoring and other Coast Guard missions;

g. enforce or assist in enforcing Federal laws on and under the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States;

h. administer, promulgate and enforce regulations for the promotion of safety of life and property on and under the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. This applies to those matters not specifically delegated by law to some other executive department;

i. develop, establish, maintain and operate, with due regard to the requirements of national defense, aids to maritime navigation, ice breaking facilities and rescue facilities, for the promotion of safety on, under and over the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States;

j. engage in oceanographic surveys in conjunction with the Office of the Oceanographer of the Navy; and

k. continue in effect under the Secretary of the Navy those other functions, powers and duties vested in the Commandant by appropriate orders and regulations of the Secretary of Transportation on the day prior to the effective date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of the Navy until specifically modified or terminated by the Secretary of the Navy.